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Mayor Menino Helps Families Put "Money in Their Pockets"

Kicks Off Boston's Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign with Grand Opening of 15 <u>FREE</u> Tax Prep Sites

WHO& WHAT:

This Saturday, Mayor Thomas M. Menino will kick off the effort to help working families put more money in their pockets by launching the Boston Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) campaign. Residents who qualify for the EITC can go to one of the 15 **FREE** tax prep sites throughout the city and say:

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"Show Me The Money!"

WHY:

- \Box Up to \$4,700 in federal and state money is available for residents who qualify.
- □ \$58 million was refunded last year to about 40,000 Boston area households.

The EITC is a federal and state tax credit available to many low and moderate-income working families and individuals. This event will get the word out to residents that they may qualify for the EITC and free assistance in filing their tax returns.

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center, 85 West Newton Street, South End For directions visit: http://www.jhcc.org.

